Proposal to increased metro trains and coaches

1162. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of metro trains and coaches at present with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation;

(b) whether in view of increasing requirement of metro travel in the national capital, there is any proposal to increase the number of metro trains and coaches; and

(c) if so, the number of trains and coaches proposed to be added during 2006-07 and 2007-08, separately, with the source of supply and the expenditure to be incurred, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. is presently having 60 trains, each comprising of 4 coaches *i.e.* a total of 240 coaches.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) DMRC has planned to induct 6 trains, each comprising of 4 coaches (24 coaches) in the year 2006-07 and 4 more trains, each comprising of 4 coaches (16 coaches) in the year 2007-08. These coaches will be partly manufactured, assembled & tested at Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML), Bangalore by the Consortium of Mitsubishi Corporation/Japan, Rotem/ Korea, Melco/Japan. The approximate expenditure will be Rs. 140 crore in the year 2006-07 and Rs. 90 crore in 2007-08.

Vacant hotel plot on Lodhi Road

1163. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a hotel plot on Lodhi Road, New Delhi behind Oberoi hotel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was allotted to Delhi Tourism which later on signed an agreement with a private hotel chain to build a 3-star hotel; and

(c) the present status since the plot is still lying vacant and there is huge demand for more hotels?